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SUBJECT: THIRD COMMITTEE--ITEM 12, CHILE

1. SUMMARY. AT ITS MEETINGS OF NOV 19 AND 23 THE THIRD COMMITTEE CONTINUED DEBATE OF ITEM 12, CHILE. DEBATE ON THIS ITEM IS EXPECTED TO CONCLUDE AT THE END OF THE NOV 23 MORNING SESSION, WITH THE VOTE TO TAKE PLACE DURING THE AFTERNOON SESSION. END SUMMARY.

2. ON NOV 19 THE CHILE DEBATE WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY STATEMENTS FROM AMB. BAROODY OF SAUDI ARABIA AND AMB. ALARCON OF CUBA. BAROODY WARNED THAT PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN GLASS HOUSES SHOULDN'T THROW STONES, AND SAID THAT THE THIRD COMMITTEE HAD NO RIGHT TO STAND JUDGMENT OF CHILE IF IT DID NOT ALSO CONSIDER HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD. HE CALLED THE RECENT RELEASE OF PRISONERS A "GOOD GESTURE," AND URGED THE COMMITTEE TO ENCOURAGE CHILE TO TAKE MORE SUCH ACTIONS. ALARCON DELIVERED A RELATIVELY MILD STATEMENT IN WHICH HE CONTRAGULATED THE AD HOC GROUP AND CRITICIZED CHILEAN "FASCISM" BUT DID NOT DEPART SIGNIFICANTLY FROM SENTIMENTS EXPRESSED BY OTHER COSPONSORS OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.3/31/L.26. HE DID NOT MENTION THE US BY NAME BUT DID SAY THAT "AN UNCLASSIFIED

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IMPERIALIST POWER" HAD PLOTTED AN INVASION OF HIS COUNTRY.

2. DURING THE NOV 22 DEBATE, LADY GAITSKELL ON BEHALF OF THE UK CALLED THE CHILEAN RELEASE OF PRISONERS AND "ENCOURAGING SIGN" AND SAID THAT HER DELEGATION WOULD WATCH TO SEE WHETHER THAT TREND WAS MAINTAINED. SHE DEEMED A VISIT BY THE AD HOC GROUP TO CHILE "VITAL" AND EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT AGREEMENT ON SUCH A VISIT REMAINS POSSIBLE. LADY GAITSKELL ALSO CHARGED THE UN WITH SELECTIVEITY IN ITS CONSIDERATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND CITED HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION PRE-OCCUPATION WITH CHILE, ISRAEL AND SOUTH AFRICA WHILE VIOLATIONS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD ARE "BLACKED OUT." OTHER WESTERN SPEAKERS DURING THE DEBATE APPLAUDED THE REPORT OF THE AD HOC GROUP BUT ALSO MENTIONED THE RELEASE OF PRISONERS AND INDICATED THAT THEIR CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS WAS NOT LIMITED TO CHILE.

3. THE URUGUAYAN AND NICARAGUAN DELEGATES DELIVERED LENGTHY DEFENSES OF CHILE AND MOST OTHER LATIN SPEAKERS CONDEMNED THE HARSHNESS OF THE WORKING GROUP REPORT. LATIN DELEGATES, INCLUDING PARAGUAY, ARGENTINA AND BOLIVIA, CALLED THE COMMITTEE'S ATTENTION TO THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES DECISIONS REGARDING CHILE, AND PLEDGED THEIR SUPPORT FOR DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.3/31/L.29.

4. POLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE UKRAINIAN SSR AND MONGOLIA CARRIED THE BALL FOR EASTERN EUROPE, MAKING LENGTHY DENUNCIATIONS OF THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT. SCRANTON

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